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For: MAGNETO-RESISTANCE EFFECT ELEMENT, MAGNETO-RESISTANCE EFFECT HEAD, MAGNETO-RESISTANCE TRANSDUCER SYSTEM, AND MAGNETIC STORAGE MEDIUM

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In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 10-~~63~~. /

REMARKS

Claims 10-62 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

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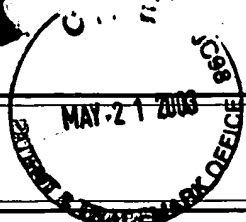
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